

Remarks/Arguments

The examiner in an Office Action dated 35 March 2004 rejected all of the pending claims 1-14. As such this Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and this amendment is now presented in an effort to comply with Patent Office requirements and advance prosecution of the application.

With this amendment the applicant has amended the specification to delete generic numeral 60 and limiting the identifying numerals of the paddle blades to 60a and 60b. In addition the drawings have been amended to include reference numerals 60a and 60b.

The examiner rejected claims 1-8, under 35 USC 102, as being anticipated by Bognar et al. The examiner rejected claims 9-14, under 35 USC 103, as being obvious over Bognar et al citing *Howard v. Detroit Stove Works*, 150 U.S. 164 (1893). All of the currently pending independent claims 1, 5 and 9, are directed to paddle blades having leading edge that is provided with a sharpened cutting edge and a paddle extending from the leading edge. None of the Bognar et al paddles extend from the leading edge, as such they cannot anticipate or render the currently pending claims obvious.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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FIG. 3

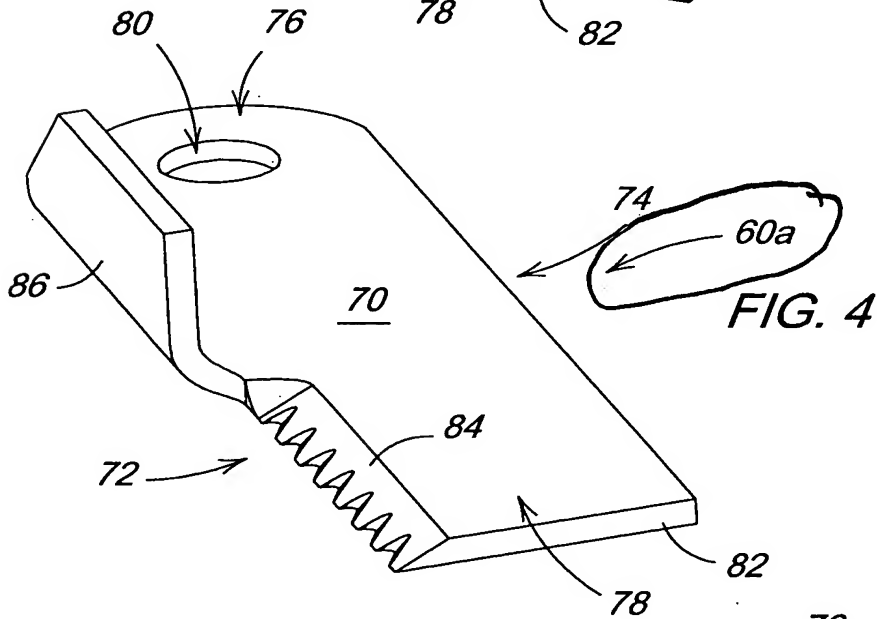
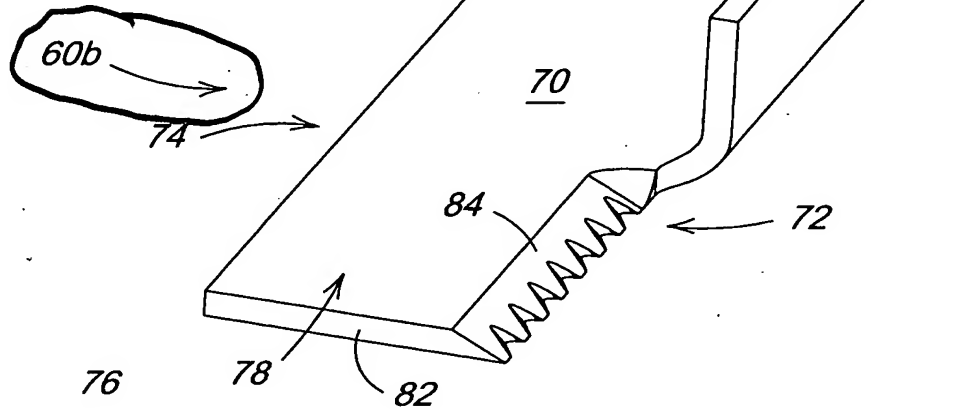


FIG. 5

